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REMARKS

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the following information was received on airfields
 and the Soviet Air Force in Rumania:

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Location

Observation and Evaluation

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Timisoara
 (R 16/T 91)

The former airfield of Timisoara is about 2 km northwest of the town perimeter between the railroad line and the road to Sannicolaul (Y 7/T 55). The landing field which had been plowed in the preceding years was used as garden plots. On the former landing field there was a large and unfinished hangar and a large dilapidated flight control building with two towers. The airfield was never occupied by military aircraft. Up to June 1951, there was little flying over Timisoara.

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Timisoara-Mosnita
 (R 16/U 01)

Formerly, there was a civilian airfield in Timisoara-Mosnita which was later used by military aircraft. In June 1951,

Biplanes and single-engine, low-wing monoplanes were observed flying over the town area.

Chisoda

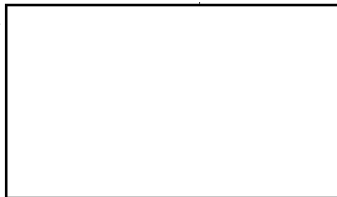
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Tecuci
(R 45/R 79)



airfield. The airfield was south of Timisoara and south of Chisoda. Chisoda had been incorporated 3 years before. The airfield was allegedly new. (1)

Tecuci airfield was located northwest of Tecuci. Parachuting was practiced daily over the field. Individual twin-engine planes with single rudder assemblies and in-line engines took off at short intervals and circled the field. Individual groups of parachutists were dropped from an altitude of about 1,000 meters. Another plane dropped its jumpers while the first group of parachutists was still in the air. Cargo chutes were also dropped among the jumpers. Twelve men jumped from each plane. The parachutes opened immediately. The planes had a red star on their wings and rudder assemblies. No military installations or soldiers were observed in the town, but individual Rumanian Army soldiers were seen. (2)

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Sibiu
(R 35/R 20)



From six to eight wooden hangars were located at Sibiu airfield, along the Turnisor (R 35/R 20) - Christian (R 35/R 10) road. The hangars had been built at the end of 1950 or in the beginning of 1951. Each could hold two twin-engine commercial planes. Several two-story brick buildings and other buildings under construction were also located along the Turnisor-Christian road. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the [REDACTED] airfield, after the summer of 1951, was occupied by a Rumanian air unit which had been transferred from Medias (R 36/R 44) to Turnisor. The officers of this unit were billeted in private quarters in Sibiu. During the summer of 1951, there was intensive day flying by some small conventional type monoplanes. Individual and formation flying by up to 9 planes was observed. Twin-engine commercial planes of the Rumanian Airlines regularly landed at the field. (3)

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Bucharest
(R 43/44/C 74)



Prior to spring of 1951, only twin-engine aircraft and single-engine fighters were observed over and near Bucharest. After the spring of 1951, jet aircraft were observed, at first individually and, during the summer and fall of 1951, in formations of up to nine planes. The aircraft were mid-wing mono-planes with swept-back wings and one turbine. The air intake was in the nose and the air exhaust at the rear of the fuselage. The red Soviet star was observed on the aircraft. (4)

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The following buildings in Bucharest were occupied by Soviet Air Force officers: Hotel Paris, 21 Strada Academia, a seven-story building; a small multi-story building, adjacent to it; a new multi-story house in Calea Victoria which was completed in 1951; large five-story or six-story dwellings between Strada Academia and Calea Victoria which were occupied in 1951. The former German Liedertafel Restaurant at the street corner formed by Strada Academia and Strada Belica Rnei served as a clubhouse for Soviet Air Force officers. About 6 a.m. every morning, two or three trucks arrived in front of the Hotel Paris. Officers of the hotel and other buildings boarded these trucks. The officers returned to their quarters about 5 p.m. Local residents said that the officers were transported daily to an airfield. (5)

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Comments.

- (1) These statements on the airfields near Timisoara confirm previous information according to which the airfield northwest of Timisoara is no longer in operation. A new field is under construction south of the town.

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- (2) Timisoara-Mosnita airfield is believed to be used by planes of the TARS Airlines and also by a Rumanian pilot school.

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- (2) A Soviet bomber regiment was believed to be stationed at Tecuci airfield. According to the present report which is believed to be credible, a parachute unit is stationed there. This assumption, however, does not contradict the previous report which indicated that many Soviet troops were located there. The type of plane cannot be determined. It is possible that the in-line engine was confused with a radial engine so that the plane observed possibly was an IL-12 or an Li-2.

- (3) This information confirms previous reports, according to which Sibiu airfield was utilized as a pilot school for the Rumanian Air Force. It is known that a pilot

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- school was previously located in Medias. However, confirmation is required that this school was transferred to Sibiu.
- (4) This information confirms the appearance of Soviet jet planes over Bucharest. The description of the plane indicates for the first time that a MiG-9 or type-5 plane may be concerned. Judging by the formation flying observed it may be concluded that the aircraft belong to a regular fighter unit of the Soviet Air Force.
- (5) For location sketch of buildings in Bucharest, see Annex. Since previous reports contained indications of the buildings requisitioned by the Soviet Air Force it is believed that the information received is credible. It is assumed that most of the officers quartered there belong to units which are stationed at Pipera airfield.

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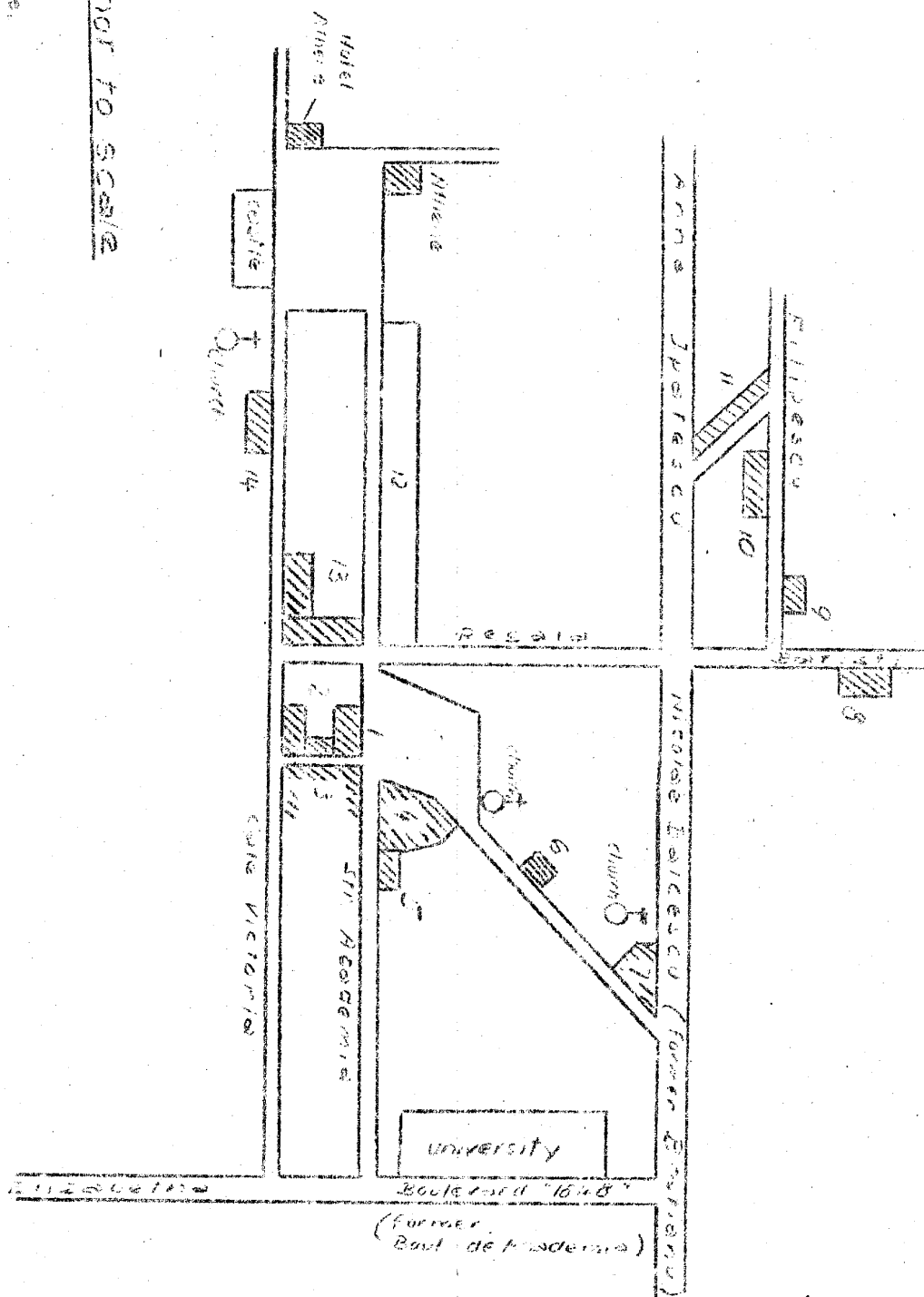
Installations in Bucharest Occupied by Soviet Air Force Troops

1. Hotel Paris, occupied by Soviet Air Force officers and their dependents.
2. New multi-story building, occupied by Soviet Air Force officers and their dependents.
3. Five-story or six-story dwelling in which Soviet Air Force officers and their dependents were quartered in 1951.
4. Former German Liedertafel Restaurant, now used as a clubhouse by Soviet Air Force officers.
5. No 16 Strada Academia, a former dwelling, now a part of item 4.
[REDACTED]
7. Former premises of the Britannia firm now the Dunarea firm; occupied by Soviet troops.
8. Former dance hall Arta, now a place of amusement for Soviet troops.
9. Serviciu Presse, Rumanian news agency.
10. Building under construction, allegedly for Soviet troops.
11. Vasil, Conta, formerly Michaiescu, garages for Rumanian troops.
12. New building for Ministry of the Interior.
13. Nine-story building housing offices of the Ministry of the Interior.
14. Five-story building housing offices of the Ministry of the Interior.

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